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1 I DO NOT RPT NOT FIND AMBASSADOR PORTER'S COMMENTS IN
REFTTEL UNORTHODOX IN THE LEAST. I BELIEVE THE VIEWS HE HAS
EXPRESSED ARE GENERALLY SHARED BY MOST OLD, AND NOT SO OLD,
MIDDLE EAST HANDS WHO HAVE LABORED IN THE WILDERNESS OF THE
MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM FOR MANY YEARS.

2. HOWEVER, I DO BELIEVE THAT AMBASSADOR PORTER IS OVERLY

PESSIMISTIC ABOUT OUR PROSPECTS FOR ACHIEVING A SETTLEMENT. ADMITTEDLY, DURING MOST OF PERIOD SINCE ESTABLISHMENT OF ISRAEL, US HAS PURSUED STRONGLY PRO-ISRAEL OR DO-NOTHING POLICY IN AREA. OUR DECLARED EVEN-HANDEDNESS USUALLY WORKED OUT TO 9 FINGERS FOR ISRAEL AND THE REMAINING PROMINENT ONE FOR THE ARABS. HOWEVER, THE ROGERS PLAN WAS FIRST INDICATION OF A CHANGE OF DIRECTION, AND THE 1973 WAR AND OIL EMBARGO HIT US SQUARELY IN THE FACE WITH BASIC FACT THAT WE WOULD HAVE TO PLAY ACTIVE ROLE IN ARAB-ISRAEL SETTLEMENT OR COURT DISASTER FOR OURSELVES AND POSSIBLY THE WORLD.

3. US POLICY PROGRESSION FROM 1973 TO PRESENT APPEARS TO RECOGNIZE AMBASSADOR PORTER'S PREMISES THAT THE ARABS AND ISRAELIS, LEFT TO THEMSELVES, WILL NEVER GET IT ALL TOGETHER, AND THAT PALESTINIAN QUESTION IS CORE OF DISPUTE. OUR ACTIONS DURING PAST FEW MONTHS, PARTICULARLY PRESIDENT'S DECLARATION ON PALESTINIAN "HOMELAND", AND SECRETARY'S MAY 4 PRESS CONFERENCE STATEMENTS ARE CLEAR EVIDENCE THAT WE ARE INDEED STAKING OUT A US POSITION ON A SETTLEMENT; ALTHOUGH IT NOT TO BE "IMPOSED" ON THE PARTIES, VERY EXISTENCE OF US AUTHORED PEACE PLAN WILL PUT PRESSURE ON THEM TO GET BEYOND THE SHAPE OF THE CONFERENCE TABLE.

4. ALSO WORKING FOR US IS FACT THAT ARABS HAVE WISED UP A LOT IN PAST FEW YEARS. THEIR GROWING WEALTH AND POWER AND INCREASED SOPHISTICATION IN MANIPULATING INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY APPEAR TO HAVE GIVEN THEM THE CONFIDENCE TO DEAL LESS EMOTIONALLY WITH REALITIES OF MID EAST SITUATION. ARABS HAVE RESISTED MOSCOW'S BLANDISHMENTS, AND HAVE SHOWN AMAZING TOLERANCE OF US POLICY CAPRICE AND SLUGGISHNESS AS WE WALLOWED THROUGH WATER-CONFIDENTIAL

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GATE, 1976 ELECTIONS, ETC. I AGREE THAT WE OWE MODERATE ARABS FOR THIS PATIENCE, AND THINK THAT THEY ARE STAYING ON BOARD WITH US BECAUSE THEY BELIEVE WE WILL PAY OFF -- SO DO I.

5. AMBASSADOR PORTER TOWERS OVER US IN EXPERIENCE AND AREA KNOWLEDGE. HOWEVER, I HAVE SPENT THE MAJOR PART OF MY 19 YEARS IN THE FOREIGN SERVICE WORKING ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM, AND IN RECENT MONTHS HAVE EXPERIENCED THE FIRST REAL HOPE THAT THE US IS PREPARED TO DO THE NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE A SETTLEMENT. I MUST ADMIT THAT MY OPTIMISM IS BASED ON THE PITIFUL SMATTERING OF INFORMATION WHICH THE DEPT PERMITS TO COME TO SUCH DISADVANTAGE POINTS AS DOHA. (THERE HAS BEEN NO RPT NO DISCERNIBLE IMPROVEMENT IN THE APPARENT POLICY OF PREVIOUS YEARS OF KEEPING THE FIELD UNINFORMED.) THEREFORE, I CAN ONLY HOPE MY RELATIVE BLISS IS NOT BASED ON IGNORANCE.
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